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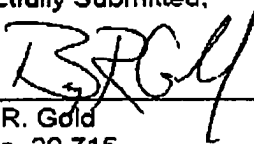
By way of the present amendment, applicant has amended the abstract, found at paragraph [0109] of the specification, to contain less than 150 words, as requested by the Examiner, and to remove references to the positioner, which no longer is part of the claimed invention.

Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 7 and 14 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Furthermore, Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 15-16 were allowed.

By way of the present amendment, applicant has canceled Claims 1-7 and has amended Independent Claim 8 by adding the allowable subject matter from claim 14 and Intervening Claims 13 and 9. This amendment of Claim 8 should thus make Claim 8, and all the claims that depend therefrom, allowable. Applicant has also amended Claim 10 to correct its dependency so that it does not depend from a canceled claim. Claims 9, 13 and 14 have been canceled because the subject matter of these claims has been included in amended Claim 8.

Six (6) claims remain pending in the application: Claims 8, 10, 11, 12, 15 and 16, of which Claims 8 and 15 are independent. All of these claims should now be allowable. An indication of allowance relative to these remaining claims is earnestly solicited. Should any outstanding issues remain relative to this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Bryant R. Gold, in order to permit early resolution of the same.

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